

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (c) As per provisions of Section 43A (1) (c) of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948, a generating company can sell power to any person with the approval of the Government or Governments concerned.

The Electricity Bill, 2001 as introduced in Lok Sabha in August, 2001, empowers the State Electricity Regulatory Commission to allow open access for consumers in distribution in phases after cross subsidies are eliminated. It also provides that such open access may be allowed before cross subsidies are eliminated on payment of surcharge in addition to the charges for wheeling as may be determined by the State Commission. Such surcharge will be utilized to meet the requirement of current level of cross subsidy. The bill also provides that where such open access has been allowed, such consumers may enter into agreement with any person for supply or purchase of electricity on mutually agreed tariff.

Food given under food-for-work programme

1162. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of food given to different States under food-for-work programme during the years 2000-2001 and 2001-2002;

(b) how much foodgrains were actually utilized by each State during the allocated period; and

(c) how many working days were created by this food-for-work programme during the last summer, the State-wise figures thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) to (c) The total quantity of foodgrains allocated to the 11 States during 2000-01 & 2001-02 under the Food for Work Programme is 28.63 lakhs tonnes, out of which 22.45 lakh tonnes have been lifted from the FCI godown and 17.43 lakh tonnes have been distributed/utilized by the concerned States.

According to the report received from 6 States, namely Chhatisgarh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa and

Rajasthan, the mandays generated/working days created under Food for Work Programme is to the extent of 34.35 crore. Progress reports from the other five States i.e., Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Karnataka, Kerala and Madhya Pradesh have not been received. State-wise details are given in Statement.

Statement

State-wise foodgrains released/allocated, lifted and payment made under food for work programme

S.No.	Name of the State	2000-01	2001-02	Total (3+4)	Food- grains Lifted/ Oftake	Food- grains Distri- buted	Mandays Gener- ated
		Food- grain alloted/ Released	Food- grain alloted/ Released*				
		(in tonne)	(in tonne)	(in tonne)	(in tonne)	(in tonne)	(in lakhs)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Andhra Pradesh	0	600000	600000	381937	342260	N.R.
2.	Bihar	0	100000	100000	2023	N.R.	N.R.
3.	Chhatisgarh	207000	419007	626007	581800	505507	462.32
4.	Gujarat	90000	58105	148105	136149	83496	1585.20
5.	Himachal Pradesh	11549	0	11549	9936	2103	5.45
6.	Karnataka	0	100000	100000	75146	N.R.	N.R.
7.	Kerala	0	5000	5000	5000	N.R.	N.R.
8.	Madhya Pradesh	63079	169840	232919	211112	176090	N.R.
9.	Maharashtra	10000	40000	50000	35780	16625	67.59
10.	Orissa	100000	150000	250000	246425	134491	242.38
11.	Rajasthan	118145	621360	739505	560560	482980	1072.52
TOTAL:		599773	2263312	2863085	2245868	1743552	3435.46

* On the request of the State Govt. Chhatisgarh 2,98,507 tonnes of paddy was allocated in lieu of 2,00,000 tonnes of rice to the State of Chhatisgarh.

N.R. Not Reported.